Finance Commission

593. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Finance Commission' while fixing the share of the States does not take into account a vital parameter like the 'area' of the State into consideration at all;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 'Finance Commission also does not take into account the fact that the "development' is also on "area concept" implying thereby that development of a larger area will naturally require larger financial resources while fixing the respective shares of each State; and

(c) if so, whether Government and Finance Commission propose to consider the inclusion of these factors/indexes as a parameter for deciding a State's share?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) (a) to (c): The Ninth Finance Commission has been constituted recently. The Commission is required to take into account special problems of each State while making its recommendations. It is for that Commission to decide, within the terms of reference, the parameters relevant for determination of devolution of funds to the States.

FERA violation by agent for Bofors

594. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Win Chadha, the agent for Bofors, is not an Indian citizen;

(b) if so, whether it is legally possible to charge him for violation of the FERA; and

(c) if not, how does Government propose to take action against him and other persons who were paid commissions by the Bofors in the Bofors gun deal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) No, Sir. Shri W. N. Chadha, alias Win Chadha, is an Indian citizen.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Every effort is being made to ascertain the person(s) who have been alleged to have been paid various amounts by Bofors as per the Audit Report of the National Audit Bureau of Sweden. Investigations have also been initiated under FERA against Shri Win Chadha, whose company, Anatronic General Corporation, is associated with Bofors.

Plans for 10,000 MWe installed nuclear power capacity

595. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Atomic Energy Commission has drawn up a plan for an installed nuclear power capacity of 10,000 MWe by the end of the century whereas the present generation is only 1,330 MWe;

(b) if so, whether Government expect to achieve this target and whether all the requirements and linkages in this regard have been worked out in details; and

(c) whether adequate precautions would be taken to ensure that these power plants remain cent-per-cent safe, especially in view of the Chernobyl disaster of Russia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.